



Prohibition on Remarriage

Preliminary Report

LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

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Issue Description

- Surviving spouses who are receiving Workers' Compensation death benefits cannot continue to receive the benefit after remarriage.
- Legislation since 2007

2007-08 Legislation

- Allow LEOFF Plan 2 Survivor to remarry without loss of benefits
 - Cost – HB 1545 Fiscal Note
 - 07-09: \$201,662
 - 09-11: \$21,536
 - 11-13: \$21,536
- 2007: No hearing
- 2008: House Passed; Died in Senate Rules

2009 Legislation

- Allow LEOFF Plan 2 and WSP Survivors to remarry without loss of benefits
 - Cost – HB 1212 Fiscal Note
 - 09-11: \$637,000
 - 11-13: \$56,000
 - 13-15: \$56,000
- House Passed; Senate Passed (Amended)
- Died in Conference Committee

2010 Legislation

- Duty Related Death Benefits (HB 2519)
 - Allow LEOFF Plan 2 and WSP Survivors to remarry without loss of benefits
 - Suspended benefits resume
 - Cost – HB 2519 Fiscal Note
 - 09-11: \$1,080,500
 - 11-13: \$72,000
 - 13-15: \$72,000
- House Passed; Senate Passed (Amended)
- House Concurred with Senate Amendment

2010 Legislation

■ Senate Amendment – Two Effects

1. Removed Remarriage Prohibition Provision
2. Increased lump-sum cash out
 - Thirty-six times the monthly compensation rate in effect on the date of remarriage

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Questions?